(b) if so, whether Government would establish wildlife sanctuaries in Jammu and Kashmir for the same and attract more tourist lovers of wild life;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The declaration of an area as wildlife sanctuary falls under the domain of the concerned State Government.

FPIs Role in diversification and commercialisation of agriculture

526. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Processing Sector is playing a vital role in diversification and commercialisation of agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Food processing sector promotes production of processable variety of agricultural produce, makes value addition and enhances shelf-life of agricultural produce, minimizes waste, generates employment, prevents distress sale, ensures remunerative income to farmers etc.

Food Processing Policy

527. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal/draft for a Food Processing Policy, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed steps to tackle the high cost of the food processing structure like storage facility transaction costs, multiplicity of regulators and infrastructure;